



**H.R. 2246 – To validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads, and for other purposes**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 2246 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Dean Heller (R-NV) on May 9, 2007. The House Committee on Natural Resources approved the legislation by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2246 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 4, 2007.

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 2246 conveys approximately 120 acres of land from the Union Pacific Railroad Company to the city of Reno, Nevada.

**BACKGROUND**

The land was originally granted by the United States to the predecessor of the Union Pacific Railroad Company to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads. The city of Reno paid for some of the improvements to the railroad and as payment, Union Pacific gave the city land that it had been granted. If the land is not used for railroad purposes, the government can take the land back. This bill removes that clause, allowing the city of Reno to use the land as they see fit.

**COST**

“Based on information provided by the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2246 would have no effect on the federal budget, including revenues or direct spending.”

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